

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

Please amend the title as follows:

METADATA EDITING APPARATUS, METADATA REPRODUCTION APPARATUS,
METADATA DELIVERY APPARATUS, METADATA SEARCH APPARATUS,
METADATA RE-GENERATION CONDITION SETTING APPARATUS, AND
METADATA DELIVERY METHOD AND HINT INFORMATION DESCRIPTION METHOD

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at Page 4, line 20 (before the header BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS):

Further a hint information description method according to the present invention includes the steps of: describing, as hint information for manipulation of metadata composed of at least one descriptor describing semantic content, a structure, and characteristics of content, a name or an identifier of each descriptor contained in the metadata.